



VISION

Eau Claire will be
a healthy, vibrant,
and productive
community
of
exceptional
natural beauty.

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is our mission
to provide
for the common good
and
deliver services
essential for
a safe, sustainable,
and engaged
community.

City Manager

The Eau Claire City Hall building on Farwell Street was constructed in 1916 for a cost of \$72,000. It is a replica of the Petit Trianon in Versailles, a palace given by Louis the 16th to his Queen, Marie Antoinette. The building was designed by George Awsumb, a former resident of Eau Claire, affiliated with a Chicago-based architectural firm. A 1917 article printed in the "Eau Claire Sunday Leader", tells us "The back portion of the first floor is set apart as the council room... the floor is of quartered white oak. The floors of the vestibule, stairs and lobby are of marble and the staircases are of the same material. The columns, casings and other ornamental work in the lobby, vestibule and stair hall are of skagliola. Caen stone forms the walls of the first floor. ..."



Ribbon Cutting

On Tuesday, April 21, the City Council and City staff unveiled the beautifully-refurbished council chamber meeting center, now known as the North Conference Room. A special ribbon-cutting ceremony preceded the Council meeting, with many thanks expressed to the consultants, designers, contractors, and City personnel who were involved with this special restoration project. Their commitment to retaining and returning the original character and beauty of this special room is evident. We all appreciate their dedication and craftsmanship. The professional Leader-Telegram photo staff kindly assisted with these lovely photos, among others.



Ceiling outside North Conference Room



City Council Organizational Meeting

Check out these Links:

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In Memory of Council Member Dave Duax

Council Member Duax

The City Council and the entire City organization express their deep sorrow at the passing of Council Member David Duax.

Mr. Duax's service to Eau Claire is unprecedented, serving on the Eau Claire City Council since 2005, chairing the influential Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives, and as the Chair of the Eau Claire County Board. He also served on the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Commission since 2007.

Council Member Duax was a dedicated public servant, with a passion for his home town. His legacy will have a lasting impact on our community.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Duax family.

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Community Development

Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. (DECI) Calendar of Events

Downtown Eau Claire's 2015 Calendar of Events

May 16



Our City Spring Clean Up

August 1



Summer Fest & Family Night in the Park

September 19



International Fall Festival

Winter



Let it Glow!

End of Summer



A Grand Evening on the Bridge

October 30



Trick-or-Treating

December 5



Christmastime in the City

Sculpture Tour Eau Claire

Sculptures from Sculpture Tour Eau Claire were removed on April 16 in order to get ready for a new batch that will arrive on May 6!

There will be 30 new sculptures placed on North and South Barstow Streets, Water Street, and on the campus of the Mayo Clinic Health System.



Our City 2015



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Finance

Two additions have recently been made to the City's website. The "Budget" pages of our website (<http://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/budget>) have been significantly changed and pages added in an effort to provide answers to some of your frequently asked questions.

In addition, a new "Fiscal Transparency" section has been added under "Government" (<http://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/financial-transparency>). This is where the monthly financial reports and related documents will be available for review by the City Council, citizens, and other interested parties.

Fire & Rescue

Use of Gas Grills, Charcoal Grills, and Similar Devices

With warmer weather upon us, the Fire Department reminds residents of applicable fire code concerning outdoor grilling. **For structures other than one- and two-family dwellings**, charcoal grills or any solid fuel cooking or heating appliances cannot be used and stored on decks, balconies or rescue platforms. When used at ground level, they must be at least 10 feet away from any structure.



L.P. gas tanks on grills or other heating appliances cannot be used or stored on decks, balconies or rescue platforms and must follow the listed distance from doors and windows and air intake devices into any building. This is due to the possibility of an L.P. gas cylinder leak and the chance of L.P. gas entering a building and causing an explosion and/or fire. When used at ground level, they must be at least 10 feet away from any structure.

Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (715) 839-4825 with any questions concerning this or any other fire safety issue.

Water Safety Awareness



May is National Water Safety Awareness month. With this in mind, summer is fast approaching, and families will be heading to the waterways in Wisconsin and beyond for summer activities.

Eau Claire Fire and Rescue and the Water Safety Task Force have created a water safety program to present to the Eau Claire School District 5th graders as part of this year's spring prevention programs. This program will teach students about the inherent dangers of water and provide them with the tools to keep themselves and their families safe. Beginning May 4, personnel will present the aforementioned water safety program, as well as fire/EMS information to the district's 4th graders.

Please join us in getting the word out about water safety, and let's aim for a safe summer on our waterways.

If you have any questions about these topics, please call the department's Fire Prevention Division at (715) 839-4825.

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The Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department has kicked off the seventh annual Parents Who Host Campaign, and the theme is, "Talk. They Hear You." Parents should talk to their kids about alcohol because 80% of youth aged 10-18 say their parents are the leading influence on their decision regarding whether or not to drink.

Experts now recommend starting to talk with your kids about alcohol as early as 3rd or 4th grade. Why? Because kids in Eau Claire County report their first use of alcohol happening at an average age of **13**. Talking with kids before they begin to experiment with alcohol is important, and it allows your guidance to be part of their internal conversation.

In addition to talking, parents working to keep their kids safe and healthy have tools to help each other. Over 850 Eau Claire County parents already belong to the *Parents Connecting Network*. Members receive a directory and are encouraged to call each other, compare notes, and ensure that youth gatherings are monitored. Information on how to join the Network can be found on the Alliance website (www.getinvolvedASAP.org).

As part of this year's Parents Who Host campaign, parents and other adults are asked to:

- Talk to their kids about the risks of underage drinking
- Monitor youth gatherings in their home
- Use resources from the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention found at www.getinvolvedASAP.com
- Get connected with over 850 Parents Connecting Network members



The Alliance, at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, is a coalition working to improve the lives of children, youth, and adults by mobilizing communities to prevent and treat alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse in Eau Claire County.

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Library

Investigative Reporting + Art: Water Watch Wisconsin

Friday, May 1 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Eau Claire Room

The Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism has transformed its reporting on problems with Wisconsin's water quality and supply into sculptures that you can see and touch — including a life-size half cow and 1,000 balls of wool. Meet the artist and the reporters and learn about Wisconsin water in this evening event. Visit the [Wisconsin Watch](http://WisconsinWatch.org) site to learn more about the project.



Wisconsin History Tour: Sharing Stories One Community at a Time



May 2 – May 30

The library will host the *Wisconsin History Tour* during the month of May. The *Tour*, which is organized by the Wisconsin Historical Society, visits communities throughout the state and includes an impressive exhibit accompanied by several days of history-related programming. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours.

Tour Events at the Library

May 12 – May 16

In addition to the exhibit, the library will be hosting several programs related to Wisconsin history. Program topics will include genealogy, hunting, art, and more.

Grand Opening events include:

Wisconsin Writers Forum | Tuesday, May 12 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Eau Claire Regional Arts Center, 316 Eau Claire Street

New York Times Bestselling Author Michael Perry, Celebrated Rural Historian Jerry Apps, and Award-Winning Author John Hildebrand join literary forces for a special Wisconsin Historical Society "Wisconsin Writers Forum." The Writers Forum is free, but reservations are required.

Register at www.wihist.org/writersforum5-12-15 by May 8.

Authors Reception | Tuesday, May 12 | 12 –1 p.m. | Library, Eau Claire Room

Meet and mingle with the Writers Forum authors, as well as other Society Press and local authors. Refreshments will be served. No registration required for the reception.

Exhibit Tour | Tuesday, May 12 | 1 p.m. | Library, Main Lobby

Join your hosts, Society Director of Outreach Jim Draeger, and Wisconsin History Tour Coordinator Mary Jane Connor, for a personal welcome and a guided tour of the exhibit.

Visit www.WisconsinHistoryTour.org for complete tour information.

For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at www.ecpubliclibrary.info, stop at Information & Reference on your next visit to the library, e-mail the library at librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us, or call 715-839-5004.

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Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Discount season passes available for Fairfax Pool



Dive into savings with early-bird discounts on Fairfax Pool season passes. Through May 8, child and adult season passes are \$10 off, while family passes are discounted by \$15. All family pass purchases come with a free Super Pass, good for 10 free admissions to the outdoor municipal pools in Chippewa Falls, Menomonie and Eau Claire.

Passes can be bought from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Recreation office, 915 Menomonie Street. Fairfax Pool opens for the season May 23. For more information, contact recreation staff at 715-839-5032.

Eau Claire earns 36th Tree City, USA designation

The City of Eau Claire also was notified that it earned its 36th Tree City, USA award. The award recognizes municipalities dedicated to caring for and fostering public trees.

Eau Claire Forestry staff members are available to consult on a variety of arbor-related concerns. Programs also exist to sponsor tree plantings or receive rebates for planting shade trees along city boulevards. For more information, contact the [Forestry Division](#) at 715-839-5039.

Boulevard clean-up June 20

Lend a hand, Eau Claire! Register yourself or your organization for the [“Hands On Eau Claire: Boulevard Clean-Up”](#) from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 20. Join other volunteers as you help beautify the main boulevards around Eau Claire, and then celebrate a job well done with a complementary lunch. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Teri-Gene Conlin at 715-839-5032.



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Police

Police Officer Candidate Eligibility List

On April 15, 2015 the Police and Fire Commission certified the newest Police Officer Candidate Eligibility List. Prior to being put on the eligibility list, officer candidates must complete a written exercise, physical agility testing and also interview with members of the Police and Fire Commission and Chief's staff. The Eau Claire Police Department hopes to fill our vacant officer positions with qualified candidates from this eligibility list.

Peace Officers Memorial Day



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15th as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week." Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, D.C. to participate in a number of planned events that honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

On Wednesday, May 13, the Eau Claire Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies in the Chippewa Valley, will host the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at the Florian Gardens from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Public Works

Motorists Should Prepare for Detours with Start of "Construction Season"

Although most Wisconsinites welcome the return of warmer weather this time of year, they should also be prepared for the return of seasonal road construction. Motorists should be mindful of these upcoming traffic changes:

- Street closure on Riverfront Terrace should be open for traffic by May 1.
- Work along Lake Street is expected to begin May 4, redirecting traffic to Summit Avenue and Water Street.
- Repairing cracked pavement on South Barstow Street will require closures on the street, tentatively scheduled to begin May 11.
- Construction on Highland Avenue/Spooner Avenue is expected in July, rerouting traffic to Hastings Way, Birch Street, River Prairie Drive and 10th Street.



The Public Works Department regularly posts street closures on its ["Projects"](#) website.

Parking Ramp Construction to Begin Early May

As utility relocations wrap up this week, Market & Johnson anticipate beginning construction of the geopiers for the North Barstow Parking Ramp the first week in May.

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City Council Meeting Summary – April 27 & 28, 2015

At the Organizational meetings, the Eau Claire City Council President presented the annual Charge to the Council, and the City Council members participated in the Oaths of Office to Aldermanic representatives, the election of the City Council Vice President, and the appointments of Council Members to Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Additionally, the City Council

- held a Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs 2015 Grant Funding;
- Considered Proclamations and Recognitions related to National Tourism Week, Arbor Day, and International Migratory Bird Day;
- Authorized Special Events, including the Artist Market of Eau Claire, two Eau Claire United Soccer tournaments, the Run Row Ride at Hobbs Ice Center, and the Eau Claire Big Rig Truck Show Parade;
- Authorized an application for the USDA's Farmers Market & Local Food Promotion Program grant to conduct a public market feasibility study within the West Bank Redevelopment District and authorized the Police Department to apply for a 2015 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance;
- Approved bids and proposals for the Purchase of One Diesel Powered Compact Utility Roller, City Wide Milling and Asphalt Paving, City Wide Street Sealcoat Program, the Westside Relief Storm Sewer Project, Madison Street Bridge Repairs, and City Wide Arterial Street Construction;
- Granted Racy D' Lenes Coffee Lounge, Inc., d/b/a The Nucleus Café, an expansion of a Class B Beer and Class C Wine license to include the premise at 407 Water Street;
- Accepted a Certified Local Government Grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society;
- Certified the Semi-Annual Report for EDA-funded Revolving Loan Fund Grants;
- Authorized a 60-day extension to the contract between the City and Visit Eau Claire;
- Approved a contract with the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to conduct a site feasibility study for a new Transit Transfer Center;
- Declared 2728 Davey Street excess land and not required for a public use;
- Amended the City Code of Ordinances entitled "Parking Prohibited" by adding portions of Preston Road and Campus Road;
- Introduced an ordinance rezoning property which is part of the West Riverside District Neighborhood Plan located generally north of Madison Street and Cameron Street, east of and along Seventh Street, south of Cedar Street and Fountain Street and west of First Street and Oxford Avenue and adopting a General Development Plan for the area;
- Introduced an ordinance amending a section of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled "Discharging Firearms" to reflect changes to municipal bans on bow hunting.
- Introduced two Charter Ordinances, one amending Chapter 2.04 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled "City Government" and creating Section 2.04.055 entitled "Board and Commission Remote Attendance" and one amending Chapter 2.08 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled "City Council" by creating Section 2.08.065 entitled "Meetings—Attendance From Remote Location".

